

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to an apparatus and a method for information processing allowing a personal computer to pick up an image through operation of a single button. When a half-push switch is turned on, a CPU activates a window of an image pickup application program, causing the window to appear in front of the windows of all other application programs. An image displayed in the window of the image pickup application program is held still even if a personal computer is altered in its orientation. When a full-push switch is turned on, the image in the window of the image pickup application program is stored onto an HDD in a suitable format.